

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 2-8, 10-18 and 22 are pending in the subject application. Claims 11 and 12 are independent.

In the Advisory Action, claims 2-5, 10-13, 16, and 22 were allowed, and claims 6-8, 14, 15, 17 and 18 were withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 2-5, 10-13, 16, and 22.

By the instant amendment, withdrawn claims 6-8, 14, 15, 17 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and applicants reserve the right to re-file these claims in one or more continuing applications. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited, and an early and favorable further action upon all the claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION and
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

This document and any concurrently filed papers are believed to be timely. Should any extension of the term be required, applicant hereby petitions the Director for such extension and requests that any applicable petition fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

If fee payment is enclosed, this amount is believed to be correct. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

Any additional fee(s) necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of the accompanying-papers may also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.